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November Red Meat Production Above Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in November, up 2 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in November 2008.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.60 million head, up 3 percent from November 2008. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,298 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.8 million pounds, 5 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 81,200 head, up slightly from November 2008. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from last year, at 246 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.92 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.46 million head, up 1 percent from November 2008. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.4 million pounds, was up 12 percent from November 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 219,200 head, 14 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2009 commercial red meat production was 45.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

November 2008 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

November 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Type	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Nov 09 % of		Jan - Nov ²		
				Nov 2008	Oct 2009	2008	2009	09 as % of 08
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	1,959.3	*2,275.3	2,015.3	103	89	24,478.4	23,829.0	97
Veal	11.3	12.2	11.8	105	96	129.8	125.2	96
Pork	1,886.1	2,089.1	1,921.4	102	92	21,295.0	21,007.6	99
Lamb & Mutton	12.8	14.3	14.4	112	100	158.4	155.0	98
Total Red Meat ³	3,869.5	*4,391.0	3,962.8	102	90	46,061.5	45,116.9	98

* Revised.

¹ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

³ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Type	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Nov 09 % of		Jan - Nov ²		
				Nov 2008	Oct 2009	2008	2009	09 as % of 08
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	1,933.1	2,239.2	1,988.1	103	89	24,148.7	23,495.4	97
Veal	10.9	11.9	11.5	105	96	126.8	122.3	96
Pork	1,873.7	2,073.6	1,908.4	102	92	21,133.1	20,856.8	99
Lamb & Mutton	12.2	13.4	13.5	111	100	151.1	146.7	97
Total Red Meat ³	3,830.0	4,338.2	3,921.4	102	90	45,559.8	44,621.2	98

¹ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

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Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Nov 09 % of		Jan - Nov ²		09 % of 08
					Nov 2008	Oct 2009	2008	2009	
					Percent	Percent			Prcnt
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,475.0	2,829.0	2,556.2	103	90	31,182.1	30,061.4	96
Other	Thou	41.3	56.6	43.1	104	76	511.3	519.2	102
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,516.3	2,885.6	2,599.3	103	90	31,693.4	30,580.5	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,305	1,315	1,301	100	99	1,282	1,296	101
Other	Lbs	1,129	1,135	1,123	99	99	1,142	1,137	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,302	1,312	1,298	100	99	1,280	1,293	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	79.7	82.2	80.0	100	97	849.2	839.2	99
Other	Thou	1.4	1.4	1.2	90	89	13.2	12.3	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	81.1	83.6	81.2	100	97	862.4	851.5	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	237	246	243	103	99	256	249	97
Other	Lbs	416	403	408	98	101	413	410	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	240	249	246	103	99	259	251	97
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	9,249.5	*10,229.8	9,385.4	101	92	105,367.3	102,868.6	98
Other	Thou	73.5	89.7	75.1	102	84	939.7	882.0	94
Comm'l. ³	Thou	9,323.1	10,319.4	9,460.5	101	92	106,307.0	103,750.6	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	271	272	272	100	100	268	271	101
Other	Lbs	235	241	243	103	101	239	238	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	271	272	272	100	100	268	271	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	179.9	201.3	200.4	111	100	2,180.9	2,106.0	97
Other	Thou	12.5	17.5	18.8	151	108	143.7	176.0	123
Comm'l. ³	Thou	192.5	218.8	219.2	114	100	2,324.6	2,282.0	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	136	133	134	99	101	139	139	100
Other	Lbs	105	104	97	93	94	103	97	95
Comm'l.	Lbs	134	131	131	98	100	136	136	100
Goats No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	53.5	54.3	59.1	110	109	599.8	601.0	100
Other	Thou	12.7	17.5	18.5	146	106	171.5	156.2	91
Comm'l. ³	Thou	66.2	71.8	77.6	117	108	771.2	757.2	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	62	62	64	103	103	62	61	100
Other	Lbs	77	70	72	93	102	68	71	105
Comm'l.	Lbs	65	64	65	101	103	63	63	100
Bison No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	4.0	4.9	4.5	111	92	50.3	48.5	96
Other	Thou	1.1	1.2	1.2	107	96	13.9	13.4	96
Comm'l. ³	Thou	5.1	6.1	5.6	110	93	64.3	62.0	96

* Revised.

¹ Excludes slaughter on farms.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States ¹

State	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Nov 09 as % of ²	
				Nov 2008	Oct 2009
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent
AL	1.6	2.0	1.5	97	76
AK	0.1	0.1	0.1	139	101
AZ	29.6	27.6	28.9	98	105
AR	3.9	4.8	4.2	109	87
CA	129.4	144.4	137.2	106	95
CO	149.8	180.3	151.1	101	84
DE-MD	3.0	3.5	3.3	110	95
FL	7.6	9.9	8.2	109	83
GA	12.2	11.3	10.2	84	90
HI	0.8	0.8	0.8	96	96
ID	18.3	19.3	17.7	96	92
IL	241.1	256.3	230.0	95	90
IN	138.7	159.9	143.2	103	90
IA	555.8	637.8	577.1	104	90
KS	377.0	445.1	404.3	107	91
KY	49.1	55.9	48.5	99	87
LA	0.6	0.5	0.5	81	96
MI	42.1	46.6	41.9	99	90
MN	210.3	239.6	219.0	104	91
MS	1.1	2.4	2.3	204	97
MO	135.6	151.2	147.2	109	97
MT	1.5	1.6	1.4	96	92
NE	574.4	660.9	579.1	101	88
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	78	88
N ENG ³	1.3	1.8	1.4	107	80
NJ	3.7	4.2	4.0	110	97
NM	0.6	0.5	0.5	83	85
NY	2.9	3.1	3.1	108	102
NC	207.5	236.8	224.3	108	95
ND	2.1	2.5	1.9	89	76
OH	23.4	29.0	24.4	104	84
OK	92.5	98.8	91.6	99	93
OR	4.5	5.4	5.0	109	92
PA	109.9	*115.7	105.0	95	91
SC	19.0	20.8	19.8	104	95
SD	81.5	77.6	75.1	92	97
TN	19.3	24.0	23.8	123	99
TX	360.0	424.7	374.8	104	88
UT	38.4	38.6	33.1	86	86
VA	40.6	46.7	41.5	102	89
WA	63.2	72.0	65.2	103	91
WV	0.8	1.2	0.9	108	72
WI	114.2	125.4	109.2	96	87
WY	0.4	0.3	0.5	125	197
US	3,869.5	*4,391.0	3,962.8	102	90

* Revised.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

³ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 2008 and 2009 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
AL	0.4	0.6	300	484	837	857
AK	0.1	0.1	102	123	1,133	1,202
AZ	42.3	41.9	54,711	53,504	1,299	1,282
AR	0.6	0.5	531	505	967	1,001
CA	122.1	134.0	157,349	171,669	1,306	1,296
CO	171.5	174.9	229,188	231,287	1,337	1,323
DE-MD	3.3	3.5	4,299	4,622	1,289	1,303
FL						
GA		18.0		18,164		1,015
HI	0.9	0.8	973	890	1,143	1,141
ID	24.4	25.2	30,674	31,096	1,274	1,253
IL						
IN	2.8	3.0	2,979	3,213	1,056	1,058
IA						
KS	448.9	483.3	586,224	631,082	1,306	1,306
KY	1.4	1.5	1,338	1,459	931	975
LA	0.7	0.5	473	340	723	720
MI	50.4	49.1	67,721	66,845	1,354	1,371
MN	65.9	74.3	90,425	102,424	1,378	1,385
MS		0.1		53		630
MO	5.1	5.5	6,157	6,608	1,222	1,205
MT	1.9	1.9	2,218	2,179	1,140	1,161
NE	531.1	540.6	723,541	733,361	1,364	1,358
NV	0.1	0.1	136	101	1,040	1,016
N ENG ²	1.5	1.6	1,531	1,557	1,022	981
NJ	2.7	2.8	3,126	3,131	1,152	1,145
NM	0.5	0.6	558	649	1,045	1,127
NY	2.3	3.0	2,751	3,401	1,196	1,167
NC	16.6	17.8	18,963	20,493	1,150	1,158
ND	0.8	0.8	981	1,019	1,220	1,221
OH	10.0	9.4	11,674	11,019	1,175	1,183
OK	1.9	2.0	2,058	1,873	1,084	950
OR	3.3	3.6	3,877	4,220	1,223	1,199
PA	83.3	73.0	105,289	90,566	1,275	1,250
SC	12.3	12.1	13,370	13,483	1,097	1,121
SD						
TN	2.4	3.1	2,013	2,533	852	824
TX	467.4	492.1	580,715	607,683	1,246	1,239
UT	47.4		61,154		1,294	
VA	0.9	0.9	943	890	1,012	1,016
WA	79.2	81.6	103,487	106,528	1,312	1,312
WV	1.1	1.2	1,217	1,264	1,069	1,023
WI	143.9	137.8	188,873	181,237	1,325	1,327
WY	0.5	0.7	600	787	1,160	1,188
US ³	2,516.3	2,599.3	3,265,015	3,362,620	1,302	1,298

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 2008 and 2009 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
AL						
AK						
AZ						
AR						
CA	16.5	19.8	1,861	2,150	114	111
CO						
DE-MD	0.2	0.2	54	61	281	290
FL		0.4		32		88
GA	0.1	0.1	44	29	449	498
HI						
ID						
IL	5.9	2.2	1,422	989	247	454
IN						
IA	0.1		27		328	
KS						
KY						
LA	0.5	0.4	265	218	524	516
MI	1.1	1.4	451	611	422	438
MN						
MS						
MO	0.1	0.1	26	18	455	341
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.2	0.4	54	75	236	168
NJ	4.6	5.6	1,874	2,385	410	423
NM	2.6		234		93	
NY	19.6	13.3	1,873	1,288	98	100
NC	0.1	0.1	69	61	517	486
ND						
OH	4.3	12.2	1,980	2,593	460	214
OK						
OR						
PA	12.8	10.2	4,293	4,404	337	432
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1		27		479	
TX	3.0	5.1	776	1,079	258	212
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	81.1	81.2	19,171	19,748	240	246

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 2008 and 2009 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
AL	5.9	5.3	2,611	2,332	442	438
AK		0.1		25		230
AZ	0.1	0.1	18	35	275	283
AR	11.8	12.9	5,422	5,953	460	462
CA	207.5	209.7	50,608	50,963	244	243
CO	0.8	0.8	215	219	260	269
DE-MD	1.6	1.9	429	496	273	268
FL	5.7	8.5	856	1,223	150	144
GA	6.0	6.6	1,583	1,738	264	265
HI	1.4	1.4	300	315	218	232
ID	12.3	9.4	3,152	2,428	258	259
IL	877.0	780.6	242,694	216,359	277	277
IN	678.3	711.8	181,003	187,278	267	263
IA	2,589.0	2,668.9	697,591	724,658	270	272
KS						
KY						
LA	1.4	1.2	244	226	173	182
MI	9.4	9.5	3,589	3,620	383	382
MN	816.0	824.9	215,608	219,385	265	266
MS	5.6	9.9	1,573	3,248	279	328
MO	637.5	675.2	175,685	191,314	276	284
MT	1.1	1.1	271	286	240	254
NE	642.3	639.9	174,090	172,452	271	270
NV						
N ENG ²	1.8	2.0	437	470	246	231
NJ	7.8	8.4	748	788	96	94
NM	0.1	0.2	36	39	272	257
NY	2.0	2.2	346	424	176	189
NC	1,002.9	1,080.4	263,960	283,807	263	263
ND	8.9	7.1	2,274	1,872	255	264
OH	78.5	83.6	21,735	22,927	278	275
OK	436.6	426.6	120,476	119,103	276	279
OR	12.3	13.5	3,156	3,480	257	258
PA	236.5	254.6	61,799	66,607	262	262
SC						
SD	371.5	339.6	96,635	89,046	260	262
TN	57.7	72.2	26,789	33,000	466	458
TX	34.7	34.2	8,365	8,378	241	245
UT	4.8	3.9	913	662	191	172
VA	197.4	202.0	53,083	54,188	269	268
WA	1.9	1.7	426	407	221	238
WV	0.7	0.6	171	147	254	263
WI	39.3	35.0	17,415	15,381	450	444
WY	0.2	0.2	65	57	263	265
US ³	9,323.1	9,460.5	2,524,035	2,572,608	271	272

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 2008 and 2009 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
AL		0.1		4		68
AK						
AZ	0.1	0.2	8	23	92	103
AR						
CA						
CO	75.0	79.4	11,503	12,009	154	151
DE-MD	3.0	4.2	294	397	97	94
FL	0.3	0.3	16	22	58	66
GA	0.3	0.5	24	39	92	72
HI						
ID	0.4	0.4	43	48	118	130
IL						
IN	2.0	4.4	232	509	114	115
IA	27.1	32.6	3,820	4,682	141	144
KS	0.3	0.3	35	32	116	103
KY	1.0	1.0	120	110	124	114
LA	0.3	0.3	18	18	68	60
MI	13.6	15.3	1,724	1,984	127	130
MN	1.3	0.7	158	87	123	117
MS		0.1		8		68
MO	0.5	0.4	50	52	110	116
MT	0.4	0.3	42	34	98	102
NE	0.1		8		101	
NV						
N ENG ²	3.0	3.5	252	309	84	89
NJ	9.9	11.0	830	920	84	84
NM	1.0	1.1	136	155	132	135
NY	2.8	4.2	235	407	85	96
NC	0.7	1.1	51	78	78	74
ND	0.1		8		121	
OH	1.5	1.5	163	158	105	106
OK	0.1	0.2	12	18	93	94
OR	1.7	2.0	225	265	134	134
PA	4.0	3.0	395	312	100	103
SC		0.2		13		75
SD	0.2	0.2	24	29	121	125
TN	1.2	1.3	91	93	79	73
TX	2.0	10.7	206	996	102	93
UT	2.5	2.7	335	361	132	135
VA	1.3	1.3	121	126	96	95
WA	0.8	0.9	109	135	131	151
WV	0.5		66		142	
WI	1.2	1.0	143	119	123	123
WY	0.1	0.2	11	18	139	117
US ³	192.5	219.2	25,689	28,733	134	131

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**Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States**

Item	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Jan - Nov ¹		Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Jan - Nov ¹	
				2008	2009				2008	2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,137	1,360	1,193	15,678	14,990	45.9	48.1	46.7	50.3	49.9
Heifers	778	869	784	9,294	8,947	31.4	30.7	30.7	29.8	29.8
All Cows	514	547	533	5,644	5,599	20.8	19.3	20.9	18.1	18.6
Dairy Cows	208	227	209	2,362	2,584	8.4	8.0	8.2	7.6	8.6
Other Cows	306	320	324	3,281	3,015	12.4	11.3	12.7	10.5	10.0
Bulls	46	53	46	566	525	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7
Total ¹	2,475	2,829	2,556	31,182	30,061	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	80	82	80	849	839	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrow & Gilts	8,970	9,904	9,099	101,711	99,517	97.0	96.8	96.9	96.5	96.7
Sows	247	290	257	3,230	2,968	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.1	2.9
Boars	32	36	30	426	383	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Total ¹	9,250	10,230	9,385	105,367	102,869	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	9	23	20	111	144	4.8	11.6	9.8	5.1	6.8
Lambs & Yrlngs	171	178	181	2,070	1,962	95.2	88.4	90.2	94.9	93.2
Total ¹	180	201	200	2,181	2,106	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight										
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds					
Cattle	784	794	780	777	784					
Steers ³	856	863	850	836	847					
Heifers ³	794	800	792	770	781					
All Cows ³	598	603	599	610	610					
Bulls ³	872	866	859	889	879					
Calves & Vealers	139	146	145	151	147					
Hogs	203	203	204	201	203					
Barrow Gilts ⁴	200	200	201	197	200					
Sows ⁴	308	309	308	308	306					
Boars ⁴	205	200	203	208	199					
Sheep	68	67	67	69	70					
Mature Sheep ⁵	65	61	62	67	64					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁵	68	68	68	70	70					

¹ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

² Species totals and classification reported by food inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

³ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

⁴ Included in hog average dressed weight.

⁵ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
November 2009¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
1	1.2	0.6	0.3					0.4
2	5.5	1.9	0.4	2.8	2.3	0.5	0.4	18.9
3	75.5	30.9	5.5	37.7	29.9	7.8	1.4	10.5
4	64.6	1.6	0.6	53.4	11.4	42.0	9.1	0.6
5	341.5	141.7	45.5	145.6	70.3	75.3	8.7	23.7
6	490.6	233.4	151.7	95.2	13.3	81.8	10.4	5.1
7	1,063.9	551.8	441.7	62.7	1.8	60.9	7.7	
8	227.9	116.5	92.8					
9	176.0	74.5	13.7	84.8	62.2	22.7	2.9	19.5
10	109.3	39.9	32.1	34.0	12.3	21.7	3.3	
US ²	2,556.2	1,192.8	784.4	533.3	208.9	324.4	45.7	80.0
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
1	1.5	1.5			3.0	0.3		2.8
2	10.3	10.2	0.1		13.5	2.2		11.3
3	457.5	444.1	1.3	12.1	9.5	0.6		8.9
4	1,458.8	1,369.0	88.4	1.4	4.0	0.9		3.1
5	2,417.6	2,317.9	96.6	3.1	25.0	4.0		21.0
6	468.0	446.5	21.5	0.1				
7	3,994.5	3,932.8	48.6	13.1	33.1	0.4		32.7
8	349.0	348.9	0.1		81.8	6.3		75.5
9	204.6	204.5	0.1					
10	23.7	23.7			2.4	0.2		2.1
US ²	9,385.4	9,099.0	256.6	29.8	200.4	19.7		180.7

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - November 2009¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
1	12.2	5.5	2.5					29.9
2	58.7	19.5	3.6	30.9	26.7	4.2	4.7	185.0
3	881.0	355.0	76.6	433.9	345.1	88.8	15.6	121.7
4	737.9	18.4	7.0	604.9	137.8	467.1	107.5	3.4
5	3,736.3	1,659.6	499.2	1,480.3	790.8	689.5	97.2	226.1
6	6,064.0	3,135.8	1,842.7	968.6	221.1	747.5	116.8	38.9
7	12,516.8	6,907.3	4,891.9	634.4	19.7	614.6	83.2	
8	2,798.4	1,482.8	1,119.7					
9	1,986.9	911.2	126.8	913.8	774.7	139.2	35.1	220.8
10	1,269.4	495.0	377.4	356.3	196.3	160.0	40.6	
US ²	30,061.4	14,990.1	8,947.3	5,599.0	2,584.1	3,015.0	524.9	839.2
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	
1	14.9	14.5	0.3	0.2	33.4	4.0	29.4	
2	111.8	109.9	1.1	0.8	149.7	16.6	133.1	
3	4,742.5	4,610.1	13.9	118.4	105.0	4.9	100.1	
4	15,180.7	14,324.7	839.3	16.7	39.0	11.1	27.9	
5	26,744.7	25,511.6	1,194.2	38.9	253.3	34.0	219.3	
6	5,325.2	5,081.9	241.7	1.5				
7	44,023.6	43,145.3	671.8	206.5	355.0	5.8	349.2	
8	4,119.7	4,115.6	4.0	0.1	861.1	39.1	822.0	
9	2,338.2	2,337.3	0.8	0.2				
10	267.2	266.5	0.6	0.1	24.4	2.2	22.3	
US ²	102,868.6	99,517.4	2,967.9	383.4	2,106.0	143.7	1,962.2	

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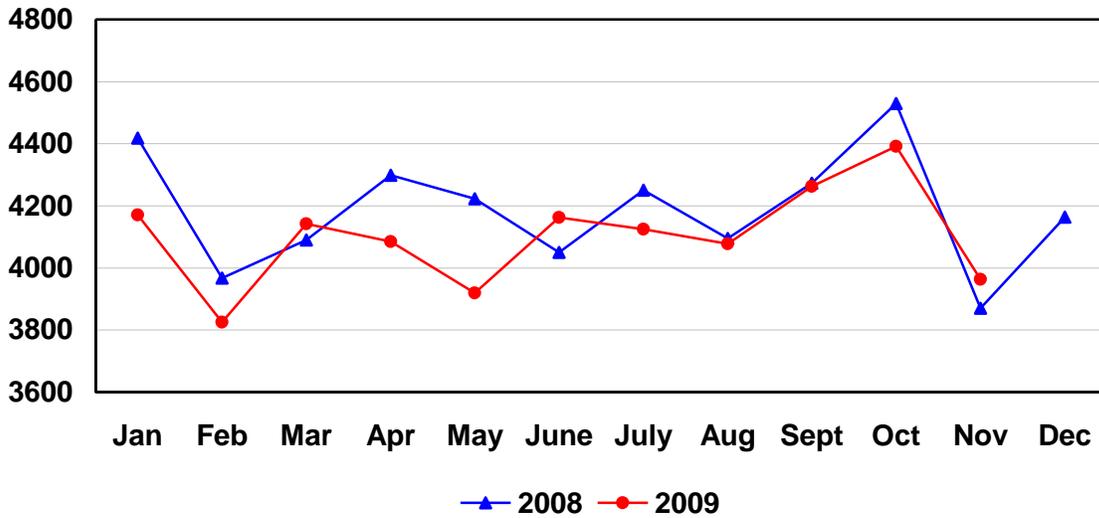
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

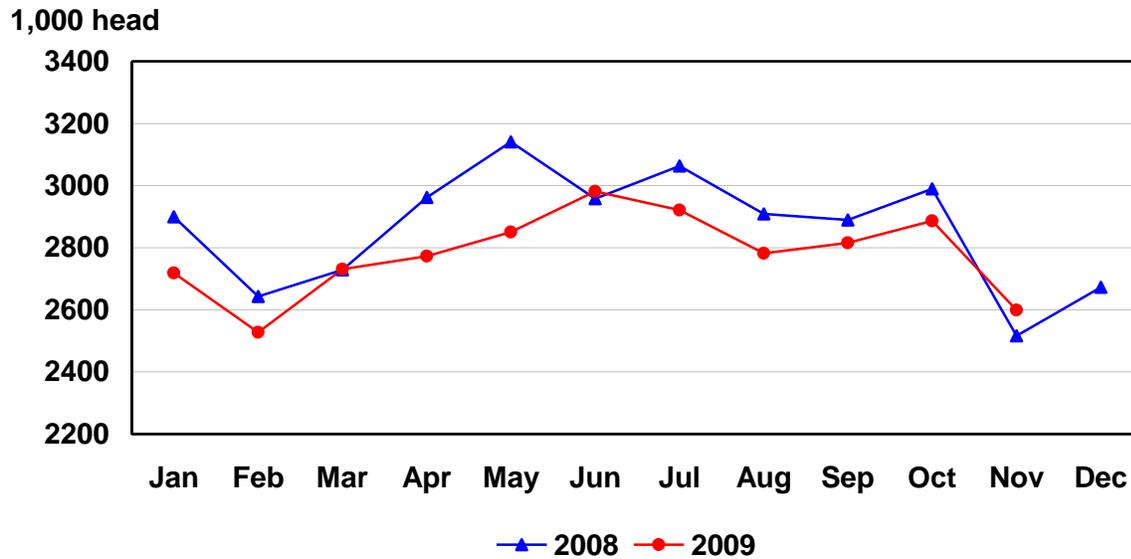
Species	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Jan - Nov	
				2008	2009
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle	98.4	98.0	98.3	98.4	98.3
Calves	98.3	98.4	98.5	98.5	98.6
Hogs	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.1	99.1
Sheep	93.5	92.0	91.4	93.8	92.3

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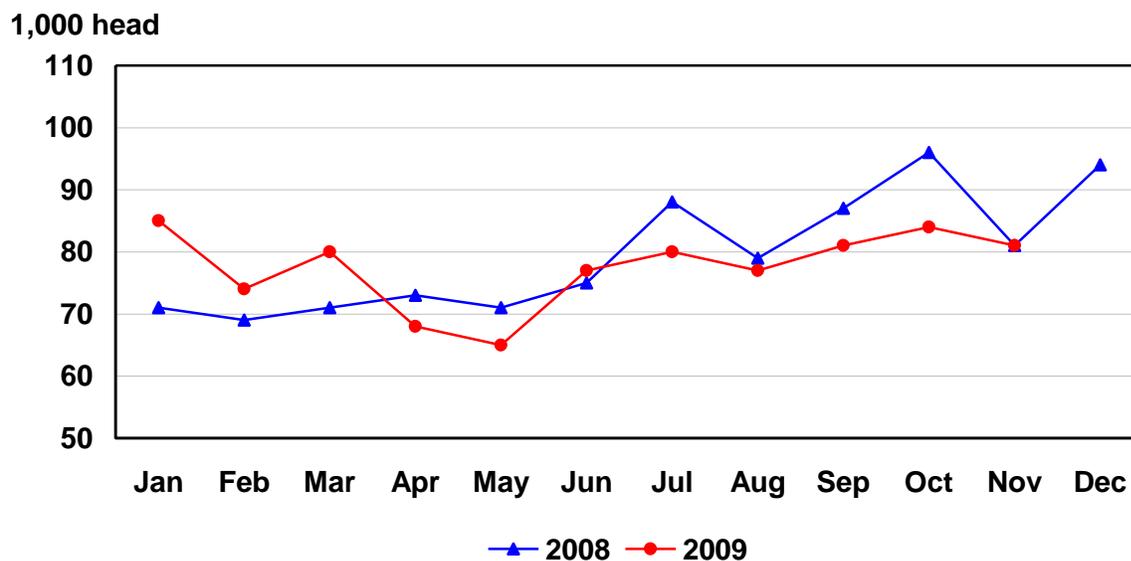
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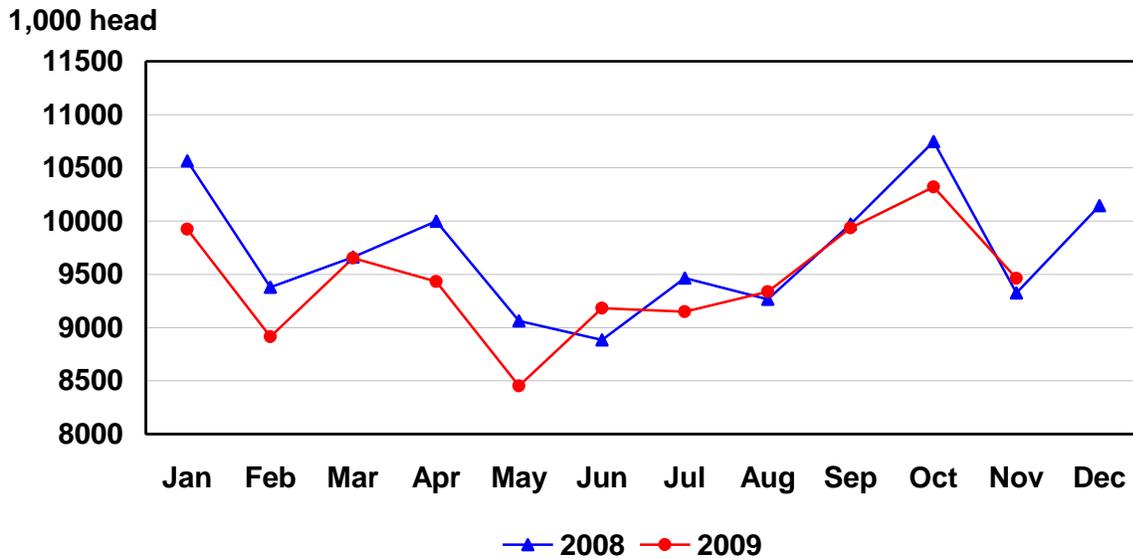
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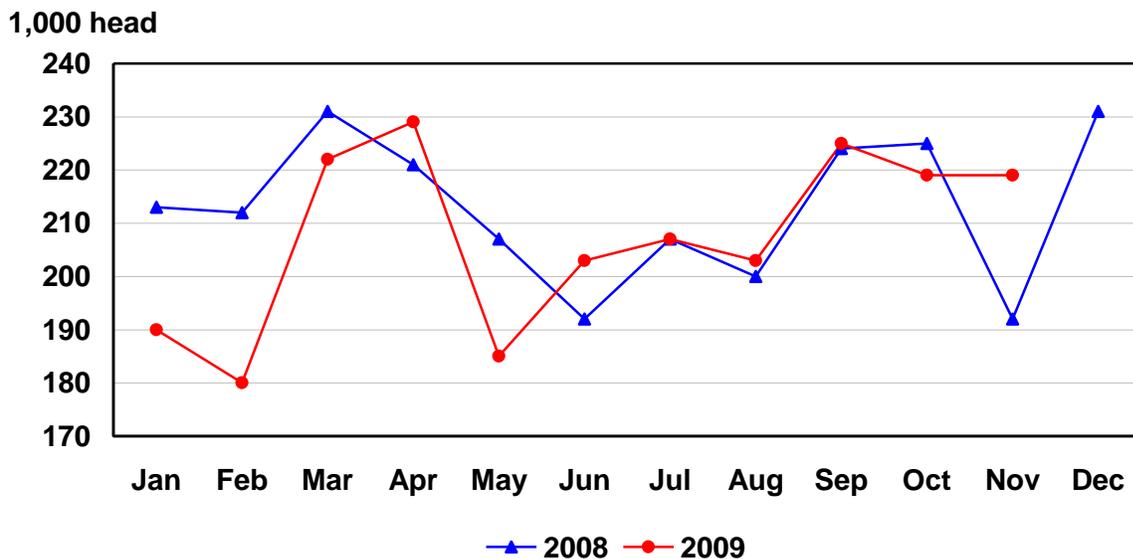
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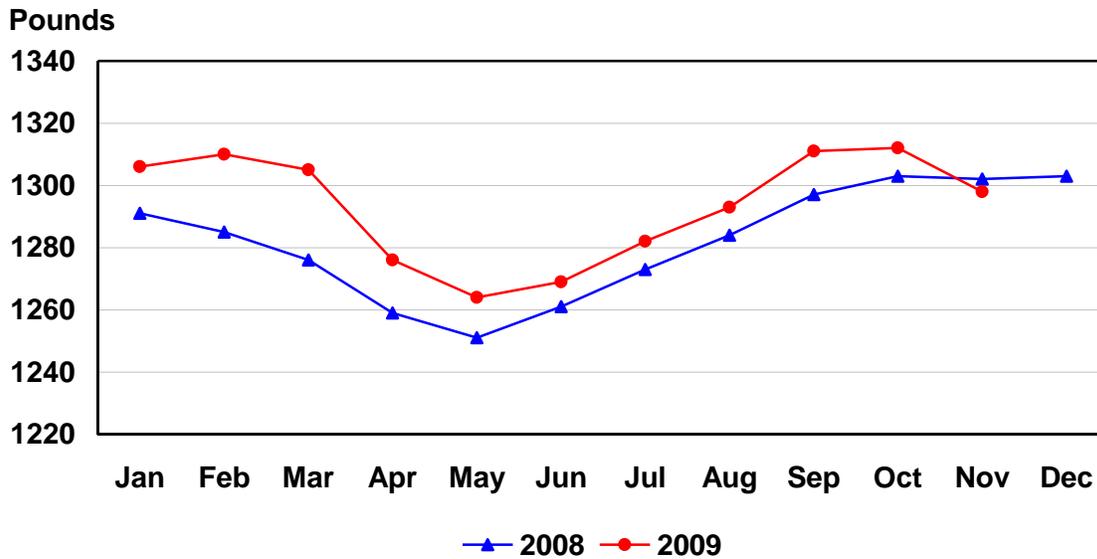
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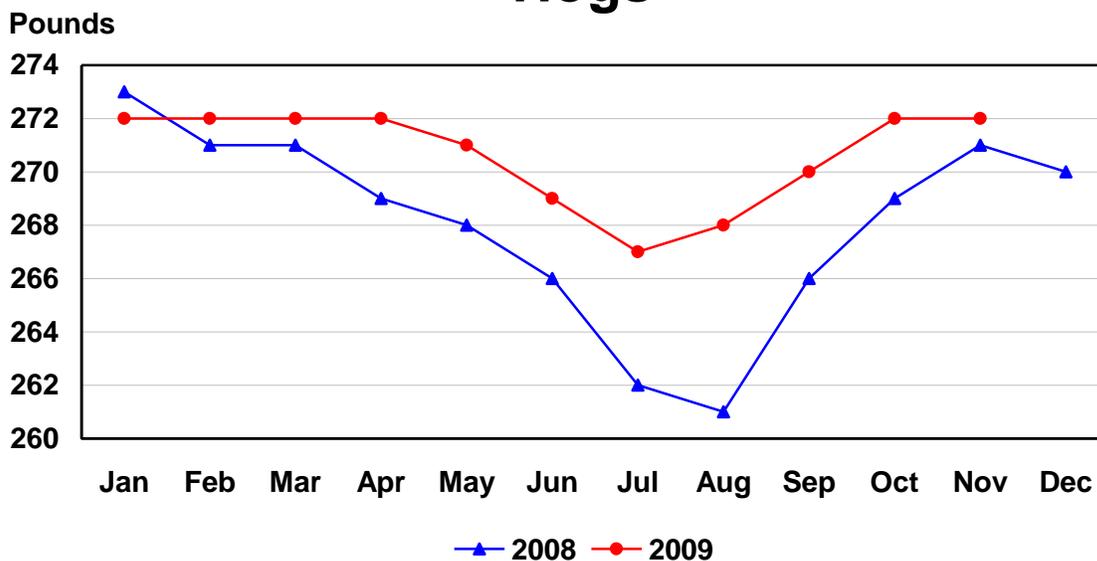
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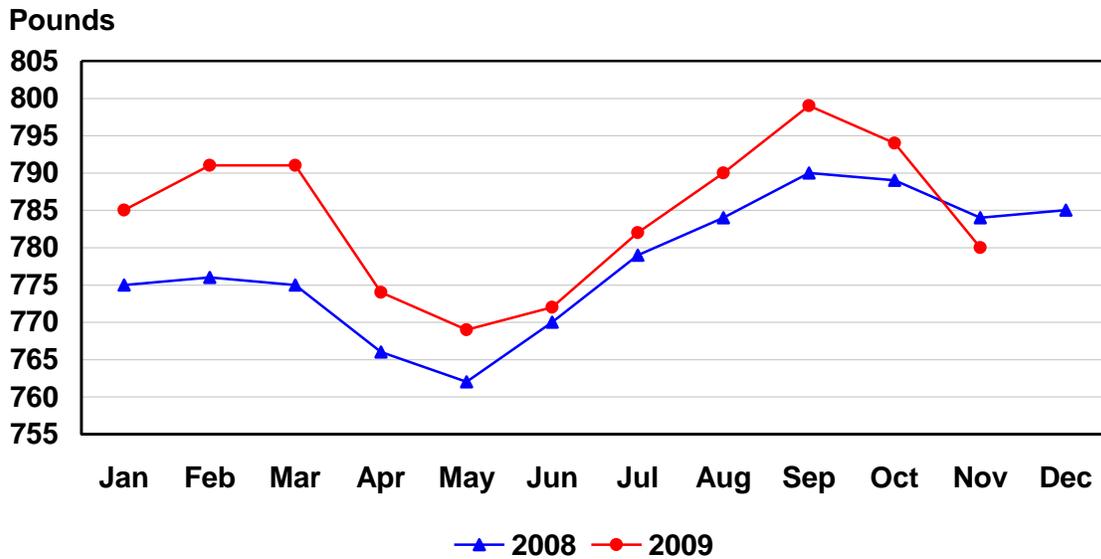
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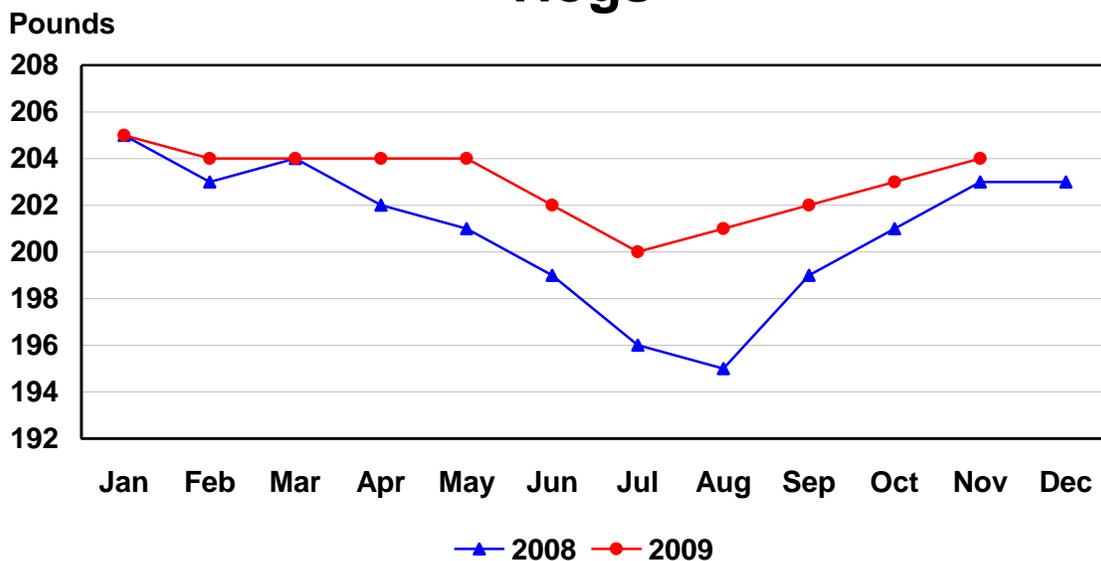
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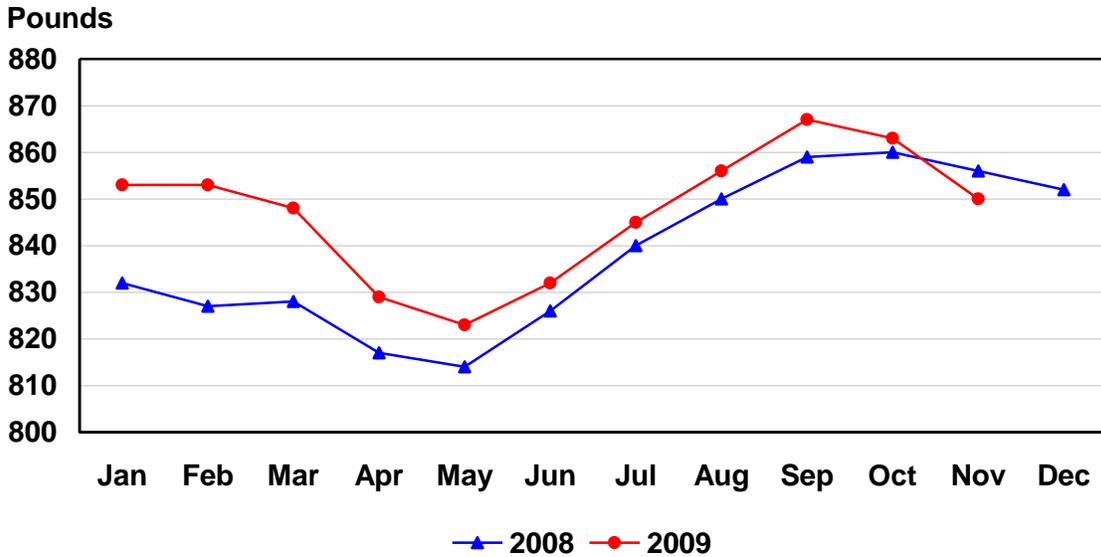
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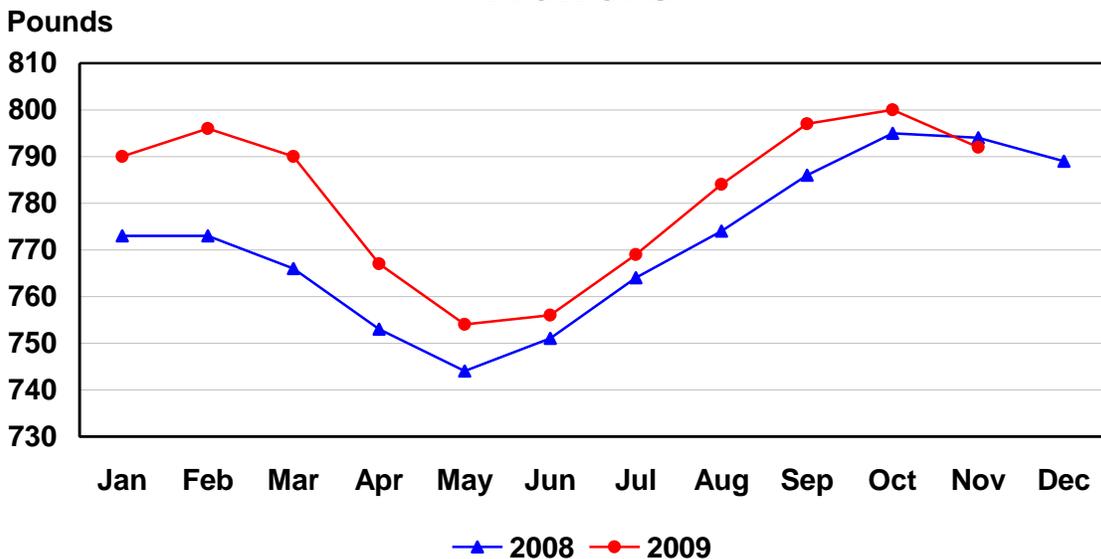
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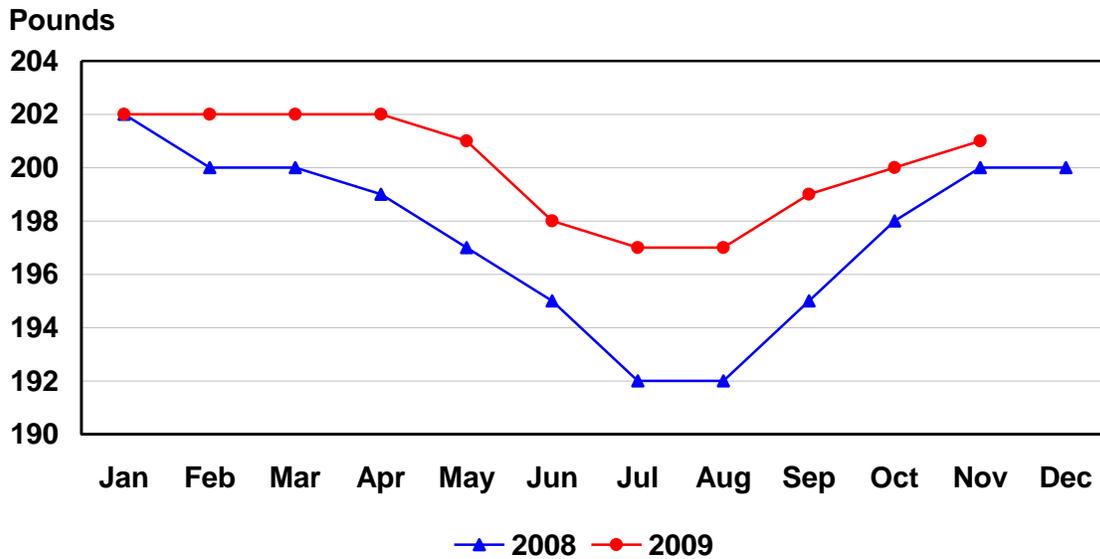
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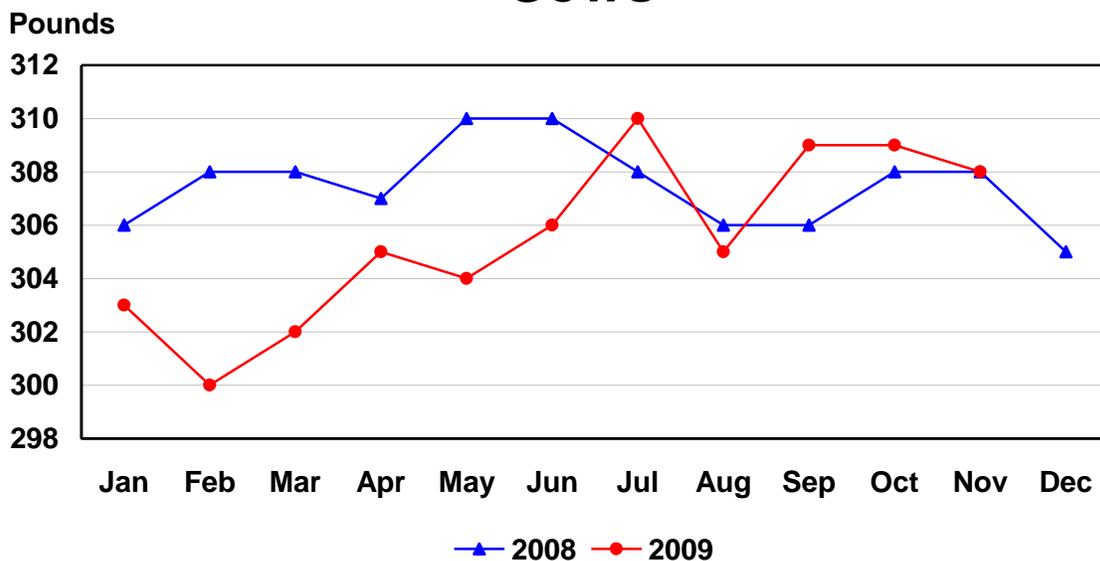
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Reliability of Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from electronic reports completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide daily counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants, in addition to total live and dressed weights. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. More than 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection.

There are nearly 800 livestock slaughter plants in the U.S. operating under Federal Inspection and over 2,000 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 19). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

Revision Policy: Number of head slaughtered, live weights, and dressed weights are subject to revision the following month after the monthly release. Annual totals are published in the slaughter summary each April which includes any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports received from slaughter plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after the publication of the annual summary in March.

Procedures and Reliability: The livestock slaughter data is obtained electronically on a daily basis and summarized approximately two weeks after the week of slaughter. An edit compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. Data are checked for unusual values for head kill, patterns of kill, average weights, and dressing percent, based on each plant's past operating profile. In addition, the edit provides a listing of missing reports for follow-up contact with FSIS. Average live and dressed weights and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous weeks as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the species reported.

The FSIS District Veterinary Medical Specialists (DVMS) are contacted by e-mail or telephone for missing or potentially erroneous slaughter data. This assures that plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week. Any corrections FSIS makes to the slaughter data are included in the summary.

Imputation may be necessary for incomplete reports. The imputation of live and dressed weights is based on the current week reported data of plants of similar size and location. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle and hogs is less than 10 percent and 7 percent, respectively. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable. If no data is received electronically or by other means, for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species, data are imputed. The imputation of head for any plant is based on the historical data for that particular plant. The imputation of head slaughtered is rare but when necessary, the imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the U.S. head kill totals.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and Statistics and are also available on the NASS website. NFI data are summarized monthly only.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

No data are published when an individual plant's data could be divulged. If not published, these data are still included in US and region totals. A review of the data is made annually to determine the publishable data.

Types of Livestock Slaughter Plants

There are generally **four types** of slaughtering plants.

- (1) **Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any State whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.
- (2) **Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants:** Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.
- (3) **Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants:** Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual State standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.
- (4) **Custom-Exempt Plants:** Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

Terms and Definitions Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Average Live Weight: Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Commercial Production: Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Dressed Weight: The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

Dressing Percent: Usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

Food and Meat Inspection: Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. The FI red meat production is equal to the total carcass weight after slaughter. The NFI meat production formula is (NFI head kill) X (live weight) X (FI dressing percentage) = NFI red meat production.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

Slaughter, Farm: Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

Total Live Weight: Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Wholesome Meat Act: Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the U.S. must be inspected. Meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with Federal (USDA) Standards.

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